

The Edna Finney Memorial Bench

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The official opening of our ninth tennis court on Saturday 1st December 2012 was a significant milestone for the RLTA, marking the last piece of a jigsaw in a redevelopment and modernisation of the Redlands Lawn Tennis Centre that has been many years in the making. But it was also an occasion to reflect on those who had earlier laid the foundations for the facilities that we currently enjoy.

Edna Finney was one of those people. Her name is legendary around our club, even today almost two years since her passing. Edna was the original founder of our mid-week ladies tennis group, and their President for the first 16 years.

She was a fantastic tennis player and competitor, winning an Australian Seniors Mixed Doubles title and even representing her country in Seniors events in Europe. In her spare time, she coached juniors at Thornside tennis courts and put many of her charges into fixture teams that played in the RLTA competition. Many mature players at our club would have been coached by Edna in their youth.



Les Finney remembering Edna

Both Edna and her husband Jack were made life members of the RLTA many years ago and it is only fitting that one of the benches in the new Court Nine players shelter bears a plaque in memory of Edna. Jack Finney, now 92 years of age, was present for the dedication ceremony while son Les, a current member of our club, gave a fitting tribute and shared memories of the Edna era with the group attending.



Les and Jack Finney making use of the Edna Finney Memorial Bench